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Application of: Turpen *et al.*
Appln. Serial No.: 09/057,016
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For: **PRODUCTION OF PEPTIDES
IN PLANTS AS VIRAL COAT
PROTEIN FUSIONS**

Group Art Unit: 1649
Examiner: David T. Fox
Attorney Docket No.: 08010087US01

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed August 3, 1998 (Paper No. 4), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. Applicants also wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the Interview extended to Applicants' representatives and conducted on November 3, 1998.

Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration of the instant Application.

Applicants also submit herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time for filing a Response. Said Petition, which is incorporated herein by reference, would extend the period for Response from November 3, 1998 up to, and including, February 3, 1999. The \$435.00 extension of time fee, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is hereby proffered, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fee, and any other fee required to maintain pendency of the instant Application, to Howrey & Simon's Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

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